

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A seal for an optical unit constituting an automobile indicator or illuminating light, intended to be mounted between the optical unit and a support in which it is inserted, the seal comprising:

a sheet of flexible material having a first side, a second side, an outer perimeter, a thickness defined by the distance between the first side and the second side and an internal orifice defining an inner perimeter dimensioned to receive the unit, the first side having a first surface disposed at a top portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material, and a second surface disposed at a bottom portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material and a central portion of the first side of the flexible sheet of material disposed between the top portion and the bottom portion ~~each of which extending from the inner perimeter to the outer perimeter of the sheet~~, wherein the sheet of flexible material comprises a self-adhesive surface skin portion and wherein the top and bottom portions of the sheet of flexible material comprises a material that is more flexible than the material comprising the central portion of the sheet of flexible material; and

at least one lip with a height greater than the thickness of the sheet of flexible material disposed on the first surface of the first side and extending perpendicular thereto, wherein the second surface of the first side comprises no lip.

2. (cancelled)
3. (previously presented) The seal according to claim 1, wherein the sheet of flexible

material comprises cellular EPDM.

4. (withdrawn) Method of manufacturing a seal according to claim 1, which method consists of producing a strip by extrusion, cutting it into sheets with a dimension equal to that of the seal and cutting out the said internal orifice.
5. (withdrawn) Method according to Claim 4, wherein the cutting into sheets and the cutting of the said orifice are simultaneous.
6. (currently amended) A seal for an optical unit constituting an automobile indicator or illuminating light, intended to be mounted between the optical unit and a support in which it is inserted, the seal comprising:

a sheet of flexible material having a first side, a second side, an outer perimeter, a thickness defined by the distance between the first side and the second side and an internal orifice defining an inner perimeter dimensioned to receive the unit, the first side having a first surface disposed at a top portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material, ~~and~~ a second surface disposed at a bottom portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material and a central portion of the first side of the flexible sheet of material disposed between the top portion and the bottom portion ~~each of which extending from the inner perimeter to the outer perimeter of the sheet~~, wherein the sheet of flexible material comprises a self-adhesive surface skin portion and wherein the top and bottom portions of the sheet of flexible material comprises a material that is more flexible than the material comprising the central portion of the sheet of flexible material; and

at least two lips each having a height greater than the thickness of the sheet of flexible material and being disposed on the first surface of the first side and extending perpendicular thereto, wherein the second surface of the first side comprises no lip.

7. (currently amended) A seal for an optical unit constituting an automobile indicator or illuminating light, intended to be mounted between the optical unit and a support in which it is inserted, the seal comprising

a sheet of flexible material having a first side, a second side, an outer perimeter, a thickness defined by the distance between the first side and the second side and an internal orifice defining an inner perimeter dimensioned to receive the unit, the first side having a first surface disposed at a top portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material, and a second surface disposed at a bottom portion of the first side of the sheet of flexible material and a central portion of the first side of the flexible sheet of material disposed between the top portion and the bottom portion ~~each of which extending from the inner perimeter to the outer perimeter of the sheet,~~ wherein the sheet of flexible material comprises a self-adhesive surface skin portion and wherein the top and bottom portions of the sheet of flexible material comprises a material that is more flexible than the material comprising the central portion of the sheet of flexible material; and

a lip with a height greater than the thickness of the sheet of flexible material and perpendicular thereto, wherein a junction between said lip and said sheet of flexible material is substantially perpendicular to the plane of the seal, and

wherein said lip comprises a material of a different hardness than that of said sheet of flexible material and one of the first and second surfaces of the first side comprises no lip.

8. (cancelled)
9. (cancelled)
10. (previously presented) The seal according to claim 1, wherein at least two of the

lips extend parallel to each other along the first surface of the first side of the sheet of flexible material.

11. (previously presented) The seal according to claim 10, wherein at least two of the lips extending parallel to each other along the first surface of the first side of the sheet of flexible material have different heights.
12. (cancelled)
13. (previously presented) The seal according to claim 6, wherein at least two of the lips extend parallel to each other along the first surface of the first side of the sheet of flexible material
14. (previously presented) The seal according to claim 13, wherein at least two of the lips extending parallel to each other along the first surface of the first side of the sheet of flexible material have different heights.
15. (cancelled)